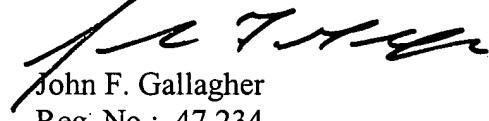


REMARKS

Claims 3, 11 and 18 have been amended and Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-23 are now pending. The Specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been presented.

Early favorable action is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any matters, we request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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